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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 8640

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SUBJECT: MUSLIM REBELLION IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

1. IN COVERSAATION YESTERDAY EVENING WITH ME ON THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR HASAN INDICATED THAT INDONESIA HAD OFFERED TO MARCOS TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MUSLIM REBELS, INCLUDING ALLOWING TALKS TO BE HELD IN INDONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, HASAN INDICATED THE GOP WOULD NOT AGREE TO HOLD SUCH TALKS ON MALAYSIAN TERRITORY BECAUSE ISLAM IS THE STATE RELIGION OF MALAYSIA, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE WITH INDONESIA.

2. HASAN ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT LIBYA WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONFLICT IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES DAMPENED DOWN "BECAUSE OF ITS EXPENSE". (IN RESPONSE TO MY OBSERVATION THAT OUR LIBYAN COLLEAGUE SEEMED TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME OUT OF TOWN, HASAN AGREED. HE SAID THE LIBYAN RECENTLY
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TOLD HIM HE HAD TO GO TO AUSTRALIA, AND WHEN HASAN QUERIED HIM AS TO WHY, THE LIBYAN SAID HE WOULD BE PASSING THROUGH ON HIS WAY TO FIJI. WHEN HASAN FOUND THAT CURIOUS, THE LIBYAN POINTED OUT THERE WAS A MUSLIM COMMUNITY THERE THAT NEEDED LOOKING AFTER.)

3. WHEN I ASKED HASAN WHAT THE FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC CON-

REFERENCE WAS LIKELY TO DO ABOUT THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, HE
SAID HE THOUGHT NOT MUCH, SINCE SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS HAD
PROBLEMS OF "FACE" WITH LIBYA.
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